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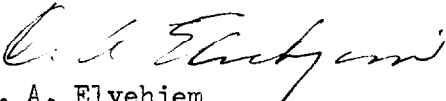
Prof. Joshua Lederberg  
202 Genetics Building

Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for your note of July 27 and the enclosed clipping from the Milwaukee Journal. I have seen similar statements in other publications and it is unfortunate that these things appear in the public press. Perhaps we should be more careful in giving the titles of our research projects, but I imagine this would not eliminate the difficulty entirely.

I remember a few years ago it seemed to be one of the more popular indoor sports to ridicule titles of theses. This seems to have passed and perhaps we will have to go through the same period in reference to research titles. I doubt that genetics of bacteria would cause any difficulty, but in the fields of mental health and psychology, problems may be more serious.

Sincerely yours,

  
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